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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Router's Service to the China Mail.)

POLAND.
London, January 13.
"The Times" Warsaw correspondent on January 11 said the people there were jubilant over the announcement that Marshal Foch had ordered the retiring German forces hitherto opposing the Poles to allow the passage of Polish troops in order that they may defend their frontiers.
The Anti-Bolsheviks who were the promoters of the National Assembly meeting for February 16 declare that this Assembly will demand an open alliance with the Entente.
The popularity of Paderewski is daily growing.

SOUTHERN RUSSIA.
London, January 13.
From Constantinople on January 6 a "Times" despatch said the military situation in Southern Russia was becoming promising. Large anti-Bolshevik armies had taken the field. General Denikin's army comprises 180,000 troops. Its headquarters are at Ekaterinodar and its sea-base at Novorossiysk. Northwards of Denikin's army, General Krasnov is operating with 250,000 men.
The Caucasus is now practically cleared of Bolsheviks. The main objective of these forces is to establish a junction between Krasnov and the Siberian army.

PETROGRAD.
London, January 13.
Travelers from Petrograd state conditions there are awful. The population is starving and freezing to death en masse. The mortality is so great that the same coffins are used repeatedly.

BERLIN.
London, January 13.
A Copenhagen message says there is still no verification of Herr Liebknecht's death. Indeed, he is reported to be speaking in Berlin on January 11. It is extremely difficult to sift the facts from the mass of conflicting reports.

MINISTER OF WAR CLAIMS TO HAVE SITUATION CONTROLLED.
London, January 14.
A Berlin message from Berlin on January 13 says the Spartacist revolt is broken and military operations were practically finished on January 12 after which there was only desultory firing in the newspaper quarter. Newspapers are publishing again.
The Government has issued warrants for the arrest of Herr Liebknecht, Rosa Luxemburg, Eichenhorn, and Radek.
Minister of War Reinhardt declared the military are now proceeding to disarm the population, and that a systematic search for arms has begun. Owing to food shortages, however, the future is pregnant with difficulties for the Government, as continued support from the soldiers and civilians largely depends upon better supplies; but he authoritatively stated this shortage was likely to grow worse.
From Berlin on January 13 it was reported that Herr Liebknecht had fled to Leipzig and Herr Eichenhorn to Denmark.

BOLSHEVIKS BUSY IN HOLLAND.
London, January 13.
The Dutch newspaper "Hanscheep" says that Bolshevik propaganda is most active in Holland, where they are spending millions of florins.
M. Borisovitch, ex-general manager of Siemens's factories at Moscow, is now one of the principal Bolsheviks, whilst the ex-director of a German banking firm is acting as a Bolshevik foreign financial agent. Bolshevik propaganda was first carried abroad by German Foreign Office couriers.

INDIAN UNDER-SECRETARY.
SIR S. P. SINHA TO GET PEERAGE.
London, January 13.
The "Daily Telegraph" states that Sir S. P. Sinha, the new Under-Secretary for India, will be created a peer to enable him to represent the interests of India in the Lords.

POLITICS AND PARIS NEWSPAPERS.
London, January 13.
All the French newspapers condemn the publication of M. Pichon's Note by the Socialist organ "Humanite," which is campaigning against M. Clemenceau and anticipated the Note in order to create the false belief that M. Clemenceau had withheld knowledge of it from the Chamber in his recent speech on Foreign Affairs. The publication was also intended to create the impression of a Franco-British dissension on the eve of the Peace Conference. The British proposal was one among many and its isolated publication was deliberately mischievous. However, the result has been that Washington and London have assured Paris they entirely agree with M. Pichon's point of view.

LABOUR M.P. REFUSES PARLIAMENTARY POST.
London, January 14.
It is reported that Stephen Walsh, a Labourite M.P., has refused the Parliamentary Secretaryship of the Local Government Board.

ESTHONIA.
London, January 14.
An Esthonian communique on January 13 says: In the coastal area we reached the line Malla-Telks-Vailu. Our troops captured three munitions in the direction of La soim-dorput.

ARGENTINE REBELLION.
London, January 13.
From Montevideo it is reported that four Russians have been arrested who confessed they were leaders in a plot to overthrow the Uruguayan and Argentine Governments and to establish Soviets. The police are searching for other conspirators.

PARIS CONFERENCE.
London, January 13.
Allied military and naval and economic experts met in Paris this morning at the Foreign Ministry under the presidency of Marshal Foch.
The Supreme Inter-Allied War Council met this afternoon to consider the decisions of the military experts and the reports of the Ministers concerned. It will subsequently definitely adopt the new conditions to be imposed on Germany for a renewal of the Armistice. At the conclusion of the meeting, Marshal Foch is leaving for Treves to meet the German plenipotentiaries on January 14-15.

TON FOR TON.
London, January 13.
Among the matters discussed at this morning's meeting in Paris of the Allied military and naval experts were, firstly, decisions regarding sending reinforcements of men and material to assist the Poles; secondly, the question of the Allied use of German commercial shipping as compensation for submarine tonnage; thirdly, the question of the occupation of certain German ports as a guarantee of the carrying out of the armistice clauses, and as a punishment for the difficulties which the Germans have hitherto opposed; fourthly, the question of the German gold reserve; and finally, the virtualing for Germany.

A Press Bureau communique from Paris says that the British Imperial Delegation, consisting of British and Dominion Ministers and the Indian Delegates, met this morning and discussed several matters connected with the Peace Conference.
The Supreme War Council this afternoon settled the terms on which the Armistice can be renewed, including questions connected with the treatment of German shipping and the surrender of submarines hitherto under construction or repair, the completion of the transfer of railway and transportation material, and the restoration of machinery taken from Allied territories.
An informal conference later exchanged views regarding the procedure in other matters connected with the peace conference, and decided to hold its first formal meeting preliminary to the inter-Allied conference on January 18.

BIG FIRE IN EAST END.
London, January 13.
Another East End food-warehouse has been gutted by fire. The damage is put at £150,000. The cause of the outbreak is unknown.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Router's Service to the China Mail.)

RAID ON SINN FEIN.
London, January 13.
On January 13 the Police raided and occupied the Sinn Fein headquarters in Dublin and seized some important documents, including a draft of the Constitution of the Irish Parliament.

LUXEMBURG.
London, January 13.
The Luxembourg Government on January 12 issued a proclamation denouncing the revolutionary movement for a republic, declaring that the Government had decided to seek economic alliance with the Entente, especially with France and Belgium. It adds that the Grand Duchess has announced that if it be necessary to secure this alliance, she would willingly renounce the throne, but the Government is convinced that the preservation of the dynasty is at present necessary, for a guarantee of national autonomy. The final decision on this question of the dynasty, however, would be reserved until the will of the people is legally expressed.

EARLIER. TELEGRAMS.
(Router's Service to the China Mail.)

ACTOR DEAD.
London, January 13th.
The death is announced, from influenza, of Sir Charles Wyndham, aged 75.

PICKLE MERGER.
London, January 13th.
Messrs. Crosse and Blackwell, Messrs. Keiller, and Messrs. Lazenby & Co. are amalgamating.

HUNGARIAN PRESIDENT.
Buda, January 13th.
A telegram from Budapest says that the National Council unanimously decided, subject to the approval of the National Assembly, that supreme power will be vested in a popular Government under the Presidency of Count Karolyi.

BREMEN.
Bale, January 13th.
A Socialist republic has been proclaimed at Bremen.

BRITISH REFUSAL TO TREAT WITH BOLSHEVIKS.
Paris, January 13th.
Great interest has been aroused by the newspaper publication of the text of a Note addressed by M. Pichon to Great Britain, showing that the latter, during December, proposed to the Associated Powers that they should invite all the Russian Governments, including the Soviet, to a truce during the Peace Conference and send representatives to the Conference with a view to establishing a general peace.
M. Pichon replied on January 5th paying a tribute to Great Britain's generous spirit of universal reconciliation, but declining to agree to the inclusion of Bolsheviks owing to their crimes.
He added that France agreed that the proposed invitation should be sent to the other Russian Governments.

THE PARIS CONFERENCE.
Paris, January 13th.
An official message states that the inaugural sitting of the Peace Conference will be held on January 20th.
The "Echo de Paris" says that after the principle of the League of Nations is agreed upon, the Conference will discuss the future internationalisation of navigation on the Rhine.
Le Matin, outlining the chief territorial problems, says that Great Britain, besides her colonial claims, will seek to link up her African Colonies with India by a protectorate, over consulting Arab States.

ARRIVAL OF BRITISH NOTABLES.
Paris, January 13th.
Mr. Lloyd George and his daughter, Mr. Bonar Law, Sir Robert Borden, Mr. W. M. Hughes, General Botha, General Smuts, Mr. W. F. Lloyd, and the Maharaja of Bikanir, 14th several Indian officers, have arrived here. They were received by M. Pichon on the platform.

THE LANGUAGE OF DIPLOMACY.
Paris, January 13th.
The conversations at the first meeting of the representatives of the Associated Governments on January 12th were conducted in English, but French will be the official language of the Peace Conference.

LONG SESSION OF WAR COUNCIL.
Paris, January 13th.
The Supreme Inter-Allied War Council sat for three hours.
Mr. Clemenceau, M. Pichon, M. Leygues, M. Oclmentel, M. Loucheur, Marshal Foch, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. A. J. Balfour, President Wilson, Mr. R. Lansing, Signor Orlando, and Baron Sautters were present.
The Council considered various matters in connection with the renewal of the Armistice, raised by Marshal Foch. Then the Conference deliberated on the procedure, etc., connected with the Peace Conference.
General Bliss and Sir Henry Wilson participated in the first portion of the proceedings.
A meeting of the Imperial War Cabinet will be held to-day to discuss the results of to-day's Conference.
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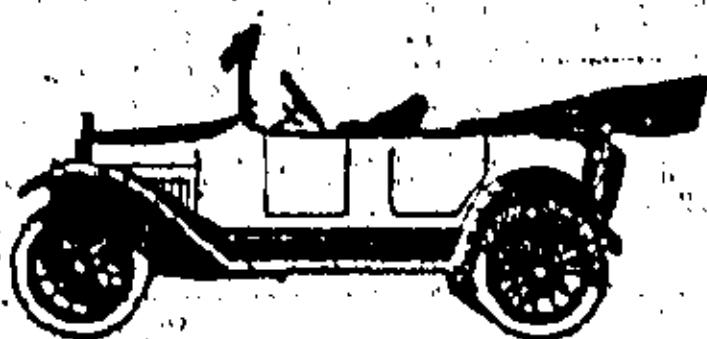
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ary 21st, at 12 o'clock Noon.

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held under the auspices of the Victoria
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which shall symbolise the victory of right
over might, and the triumph of justice.
Mr. Waring is anxious that this memorial
shall be in every way fitting to the great
subject which it will commemorate, and
he is informed that it will cost him,
roughly, £50,000.

A TEMPLE OF FAME.

To commemorate the services of East
Lancashire regiments in the war it is
proposed to build a "Temple of Fame"
in Manchester. This would be the cen-
tral portion of the City Art Gallery
which the Corporation intend to build.
The scheme, as approved by the Art Gal-
lery Committee, is that names of all East
Lancashire regiments should form a part
of the decorative work, and that some of
the colours should rest there.

MARRYING LIMBLESS MEN.

Discussing the transmission in marriage
of acquired deformities or war injuries,
Major W. Madam, Eccles, M.B., says
a particular shape of ear, a sixth toe,
or a dimple on the cheek will run in a
family.
"But a deformity such as a washed
nose, the loss of limb, a scar, or a severe
wound in the face is not reproduced in
a child."
"It is quite safe for the scarred or
limbless soldier to wed a healthy
woman," says Major Eccles, "for the
offspring will not reproduce his defects.
It is up to the women to marry these
men, even though deformed, and rear
their children as a solace for their afflic-
tions and for the maintenance of our
glorious heritage."

THE GREAT WALL OF

An examination of the bricks and mor-
tar in the Great Wall of China was re-
cently made at Shanhaiwan by Mr. J. C.
Witt, a chemist attached to the Bureau of
Science, Manila. Mr. Witt reports that
the bricks are so weak that pieces may
be easily broken off with the fingers.
They are much larger than ordinary build-
ing bricks, gray in colour, and resemble
pumice somewhat in structure. The
mortar, which is pure white under the
exposed surface, is much stronger than
the bricks. The tradition that the bricks
were dried in the sun only was confirmed
by laboratory tests. If they had been
dried in a kiln the appearance of the
wall would have been considerably differ-
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appearance and analysis of the mortar
indicates that no sand was mixed with
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Great Britain by shipping difficulties are
applying for passages. Shipping com-
panies' reports are:
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"Union-Castle.—A waiting list of 3,000
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the first purely passenger ship for two
years will leave next month."
"P. and O.—Hundreds" registered for
India; no prospect of boats to Australia.
"Orient.—Registering for Australia; no
ships yet."
"R.M.S.P.—300 registered in the last
few days for South America."

ETON A. B. ON STEPS OF THRONE.

Lord Lincolnshire tells the following
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I went out and saw a handsome boy, 18
years old. He said, 'I want to see Sir
George Cave taking his seat. Will you
put me on the steps of the throne? I
said, 'Before I can give an answer, what
is your name?' He replied, 'My name
is De La Warr.'"
"That boy left Eton when he was 13;
enlisted in the Royal Navy, and for over
a year has been picking up mines. I put
him on the steps of the throne, and now
he has gone back to his ship to do his
duty to his God and his country. That
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death of his father in 1915.

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German carrier pigeons, as used on the
Western front, can now be seen near the
Beasts' Terrace. Besides an entrance
and exit for the birds, the loft contains
separate numbered nesting-boxes for each
pair of birds. To the left electric-bell
wires are attached, and on the arrival of
a bird with its message fastened below
its wing an electric bell rings in the at-
tendant's department or 'dugout,' the
weight of the bird on the alighting board
establishing contact. On the rear ap-
proach of the British troops, the two Ger-
mans in charge attempted to set fire to
the loft, and the marks of fire are still
visible upon the woodwork inside, but our
men quickly dispatched the two Germans
and extinguished the fire. There are
many bullet-holes to be seen penetrating
the outside frame."

KITCHENER'S END.

A New York message was to this effect:
Mr. Henry W. Napp, a commissioner
of the Salvation Army in Russia, at pre-
sent in New York, in the course of a
speech, declared that the ex-Tsar had
a private telegram wire from the Winter
Palace at Petrograd to Potsdam and told
the Kaiser all the Allied plans. When
she learned that Earl Kitchener contin-
ued a visit to Russia, she gave the
German Government the fullest details,
which resulted in the sinking of the ves-
sel and his death.The fact is that this Salvation Army
person, who ought to have known better,
was merely repeating gossip that he had
heard in the States, not in Russia.

MADRAS SHOOTING TRAGEDY.

A shooting tragedy took place in the
Fort, Madras, on December 12, says an
Indian paper, in which Pte. Burrows
shot Sergt. McDonoghue through the head
in his room in the barracks. The man
succeeded in evading arrest and got out
of the Fort, but Lance-Corporal Black-
burn and Pte. Hyman pursued him. He
turned in a hickshaw in which he was
trying to escape and fired at the former
but fortunately missed him. He had got
as far as the Evening Bazaar near the
Memorial Hall when Sub-Inspector Went-
wood met him and persuaded him to sur-
render and hand over his rifle. This he
did saying that he had shot a Sergeant
in Fort as the latter threatened to kill
him. He was then taken to the Flower
Bazaar Police station and was subsequently
handed over to the military authorities
at Fort St. George.

HOW BALLIN DIED.

The correspondent to the "Daily Ex-
press" at Amsterdam states that the
suicide of Peter Ballin, the shipping mag-
nate, was in direct consequence of a
dispute with the Kaiser and Kaiserin in
October. Here Ballin protested against
Ludendorff's dabbling in questions of re-
construction, which were outside the
sphere of a general who was plunging
Germany into the abyss of defeat. The
Kaiser, in the presence of the Kaiserin,
supported Ludendorff, whereupon Ballin
warned the Kaiser not to be blinded to
the real situation. Germany could not
live unless on decent terms with Eng-
land, when Ballin related at the pos-
sibility of revolution the Kaiserin spring-
ing to her feet, and denounced the "Heer-
merchants who wanted to supplant the
Empire's real master." Ballin declined
to answer and left the room's broken
man. He sent for a journalist friend
to record the conversation. He shot him-
self through the heart when the Russian
Soviet took over the Hamburg-America
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All creditors and others are hereby requested to send in their claims to me on or before the 28th February, 1919.

Dated, this 14th day of January 1919.

H. STEPHENS.

NOTICE.

WE have from the 1st day of November 1918 taken over and acquired from Mr. H. Stephens the business hitherto carried on by him at Nos. 16 to 22 Queen's Road Central Victoria Hongkong under the style or firm name of H. STEPHENS AND COMPANY and we shall continue to carry on the said business of Importers and Exporters and General Merchants and Commission Agents under the style of H. STEPHENS AND COMPANY LIMITED.

Dated this 14th day of January 1919.
For and on behalf of the Directors,
HERBERT STEPHENS,
Managing Director.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on WEDNESDAY, 28th January, 1919, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY 18th to WEDNESDAY 28th January, 1919, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
General Agents for the
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Hongkong, January 13, 1919.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY, 28th January, 1919, at 11.45 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

THE GENERAL MANAGERS.
Hongkong, January 13, 1919.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on WEDNESDAY, 28th January, 1919, at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
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There was once a business man who complained that he only received an order once every three years, but inasmuch as he was a bridge builder it is a fair presumption that he succeeded in making a precarious living. Far different is it nowadays with many bridge players, who in the happy past when auction bridge, since debased to royal auction, was unknown, materially added to their pleasure, and pocket money, by the assiduous pursuit of their favourite game.

Nowadays it is a pathetic sight to observe the number of bridge devotees, performing playing "auction," wandering from table to table, and hopelessly wondering why it is that their admitted skill in card playing meets with such inadequate results—and even worse than that—material losses. Why is this? The explanation lies in the fact that the successful "auction" enthusiast must be a psychologist rather than a card player.

Of course it would be foolish to minimize the importance of the actual card play, but the greatest asset of all is an intuitive perception of the idiosyncrasies, characteristics, tones of voice, and other subtle indications unintentionally given by one's opponents and partners. A certain winning player who shall be nameless, belonging to the medical profession, in a moment of expansion confided that he was not half as good a player as many people thought him, and that his real advantage consisted in his powers of observation of trifling symptoms, his medical practice assisting his natural gift, and he pointed out the tremor in the hand of his opponent when making a doubtful call.

That is one side of the picture. In addition, the good player must dominate the table. He must be able to announce "one no trump," "two no trump," "double," in strong accents, admitting of no doubt in the minds of his opponents that he means what he says. Again, the occasion often arises when a formalized opponent, after a succession of reverses, can be bluffed out of almost any call or into almost any impossible declaration.

Many readers may say, "This isn't card playing, but card sharpening." It is auction bridge. Now, it is a curious fact that even given a player combining all these qualities of observation and skill in playing, how little his advantage is. In the old days of bridge the skillful exponent of the game might safely reckon on an advantage of 6-4 to 5 per cent. on his turnover month in and month out. Big reverses were unknown, and a steady income resulted. All this is changed, and the best players may play for months on end without a winning week.

The explanation lies in the fact that the element of luck predominates more in auction than in any other similar game. Consider the evolution of card games—long whist, then short whist, in which the introduction of "honours" gave the poor player a chance; bridge, auction, and finally royal auction. Each change to the apparent advantage of the weak player. The man who holds most spades or hearts wins the game. It is quite true you may make a trick less than is possible, but it does not matter. Eight or nine points in a game where a win means 250 is of no moment. In old bridge, the extra nine points were carried to the next hand, and helped to win the rubber, but now whether your score is 18 or 27 has practically no bearing on the final result.

Luck predominates more in auction than its earlier prototype. Imagine a game in which the holding of the ace of diamonds, for example, always gave a bonus of 100 points. It might be superficially argued that the chance of this bonus is equal for all and that, therefore, it did not matter, but that would be incorrect, and for this reason: The advantage of skill remaining the same, this advantage is reduced to almost zero if the luck of holding the said ace of diamonds is against the good player.

It is quite true that in the long run the skillful exponent of the game may hope to hold the ace of diamonds the legitimate number of times, or oftener or less as the case may be, but the good player endeavours to eliminate luck as much as possible, and will naturally choose to play a game of sheer skill. Take chess for example, where there is no luck, and billiards, where there is little. In old bridge the advantage of skill was sufficient to overcome any average bad luck, the unlucky good player would win less, but he would still win. The point to observe in auction is that the unlucky good player cannot possibly win, the elements of luck being too predominant. Moreover, time brings its revenge. The pendulum of card evolution may swing the other way. An endowment has been recently made to make all suits of equal value. That would make an ideal card game, far more scientific than auction, which now holds the field.

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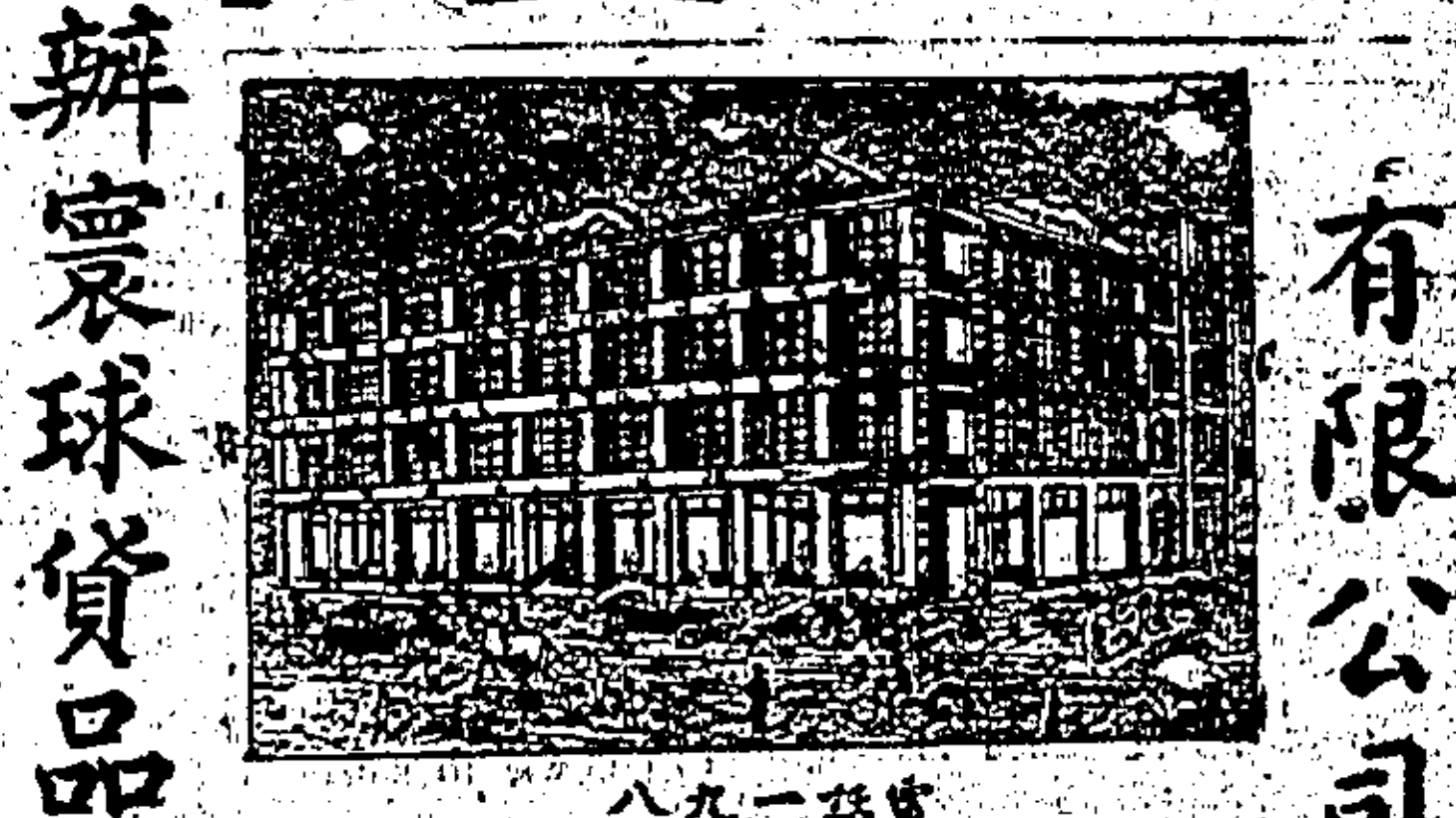
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JAPANESE SHIPPING INTERESTS AT PEACE CONFERENCE.

The Japan Shipowners' Association has communicated to Baron Kondo, President of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, who is to represent Japan's shipping interests at the Peace Conference, its wishes concerning the matter to be brought forward by Japan for consideration at the Conference. The Shipowners' Association is of opinion that the following points are necessary:

1. International unification of cargo-boat load lines.
2. Opening of coasting trade in all countries.
3. Opening of canals and straits in all countries.

COLLISION IN INLAND SEA.

At midnight on December 24 the Shinko-maru, a wooden ship of 555 tons, owned by Mr. Arai Shunzo, of Chinanagoro, Korea, collided with the N.Y.K. Saikyo-maru, 2,848 tons, which was bound from Kobe to Ujina, in the Nishinoshima light, Kagawa prefecture, in the Inland Sea. The smaller ship was seriously damaged and sank in a few minutes. The whole crew were rescued except a stoker, who is missing. The Saikyo-maru was not damaged.

The Shinko-maru was en route from Moji to Osaka with a cargo of 1,223 koku of rice and 132 tons of pig iron, which were all lost. The total damage sustained is put at about ¥200,000.

REDUCTION IN BRITISH OFFICIAL FREIGHT TARIFF.

A Japanese report just received says that the British Government decided to utilize the merchantmen in Government service for commercial purposes and has announced the freight tariff on Government cargoes as under—

From Far Eastern ports to	
North America	2. 10s.
Indian ports	3. 12s.
River Plate	3. 2s. 6d.
Egypt	2. 10s.
Italy	1. 12s. 6d.
Aden	3. 2s. 6d.
Salonika	2. 12s. 6d.
Cyprus	1. 7s. 6d.
Malta	1. 15s.

The steamers to be released for the said purpose are all superior and larger sized ones. In case of such steamers carrying private consignments, a 50 per cent. reduction from the official rates on October 1st is offered. This reduction, it is said, is intended to place the British shipping at an advantage in competing with the U.S. steamers which will ply the Atlantic, offering cheaper rates on the advice of the Government.

ANOTHER JAPAN PORT TO BE OPENED.

The Japanese authorities contemplate making an open port of Kagoshima. In the next Budget Estimates, recently shown to representatives of political parties at the meeting in the official residence of the Premier, ¥5,000 is provided for the "opening of Kagoshima." In this connection Mr. Komachi, Director of Customs in the Finance Department, says: "The proposal to make an open port of Kagoshima is of long standing. For several years past an appropriation for the purpose has been asked for, but has, so far, been rejected each year. As will be imagined from the smallness of the sum now appropriated, only the preliminary measures for the opening of the port will be taken. Indeed, the only change that will be made as the result of the appropriation will be that a branch Customs Office will be established and officials will be stationed there. The building for the office will probably be donated by the Municipality of Kagoshima. For some time there will be traffic of only small vessels, the largest of them not exceeding 5,000 tons. The opening of Kagoshima as a port is due to the considerable development of industries of late years in that part of the country."

WARTIME SHIPPING CONTROL ACT.

The Japan Shipowners' Association, of Kobe, which consists of prominent private shipowners, has passed a resolution, reading—"The Shipowners' Association is of opinion that in view of the signing of the Treaty of Amritsar and the early conclusion of peace, there is no necessity for keeping the Wartime Shipping Control Act in force. If this Act is not abolished forthwith, Japan's shipping trade will lose an excellent opportunity for operation abroad, with the result that the development of the country is interfered with. The Association is, therefore, resolved to induce the Government to bring in a Bill in the forthcoming session of the Diet providing for the annulment of the Act. In accordance with this resolution representatives of the Japan Shipowners' Association have gone to Tokyo and addressed a memorial to the authorities. As already noted, the authorities take the view that the Act should remain in force until one year after the conclusion of peace, as is stipulated in the Act on the ground that there may still be occasions when the Act must be applied in order to meet Allied transport requirements, though the stipulations of the Act may be conveniently modified for domestic purposes."

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NORE	9th Feb. 1919	30th March	8th April
NOVARA	9th Mar. 1919	13th April	22nd April
NELLORE	26th Mar. 1919	30th April	10th May

BOMBAY VIA STRAITS & COLOMBO.

S.S.	From Hongkong about	Due Bombay about
DILWARA	12th January at 10 a.m.	28th January

SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

S.S.	Leave Hongkong about	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama (to Shanghai only)
NORE	19th Jan. at 4 p.m.	
DUNERA	28th January	

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Superintendent.

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DESTINATION	STEAMER & DISBURSEMENT	SAILING DATE
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Sado Maru, 12,900 tons FRI, 17th Jan. at 11 a.m.	
	Kawachi Maru, 12,900 tons SUN., 19th Jan. at 11 a.m.	
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Kitano Maru, 10,900 tons SAT, 18th Jan. at 11 a.m.	
	Tango Maru, 12,700 tons SAT, 22nd Feb. at 11 a.m.	
Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	Tonabe Maru, 7,000 tons TUES, 14th Jan.	
	Akita Maru, 8,700 tons SUN., 19th Jan.	
London or Liverpool via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez & Port Said	Tanaka Maru, 12,510 tons FRIDAY, 24th Jan. at 11 a.m.	
	Mishima Maru, 12,950 tons FRIDAY, 7th Feb. at 11 a.m.	
Melbourne via Manila Zamboanga, Thursday 1st, Townsville, Brisbane, & Sydney	Nikko Maru, 9,600 tons MON., 3rd Feb. at 11 a.m.	
	Kamakura Maru, 12,410 tons WED., 19th Feb. at 11 a.m.	
New York via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, San Francisco & Panama Canal	Tensho Maru, 8,470 tons SUNDAY, 17th Jan.	
	Tanaka Maru, 7,000 tons FRIDAY, 24th Jan.	
Bombay via Singapore, Malacca, & Colombo	Shinshoku Maru, 7,000 tons FRIDAY, 24th Jan.	
Calcutta via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon	Kelafuku Maru, 7,000 tons SATURDAY, 25th Jan.	

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Liverpool via S'pore, Penang & C'bo &c.	Yamato Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 24th Jan. at 11 a.m.
Margell	Yamato Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 12th Feb. at 11 a.m.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Yamato Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 27th Jan. at Noon
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